

REMARKS

Claims 31-68 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of the following three groups at page 2 of the outstanding Unity of Invention Rejection:

Group I, claims 31-64 and 67-68, drawn to a compound of formula I (and the corresponding Markush list of substituents attached), its salt, medicament and agent;

Group II, claim 65, drawn to a compound of formula II (and the corresponding Markush list of substituents attached); and

Group III, claim 66, drawn to a compound of formula III (and the corresponding Markush list of substituents attached).

Applicants respectfully elect Group I. Applicants, hereby reserve the right to file Divisional Applications directed to Group II and Group III.

The Examiner has further required that Applicants elect a single disclosed species. Accordingly, for purposes of responding to this requirement, **Applicants hereby elect the compound of N-b-74**. Concerning compound N-b-74, the Examiner's attention is directed to Table N-B-2 at page 605 of the present Specification.

It is Applicants understanding that this Election of Species serves as a starting point for search and examination purposes only. Upon indication of allowable subject matter for the elected species, the Examiner must expand the search to include other non-elected species with the intent of finding a generic claim ultimately allowable.

In view of the above, favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

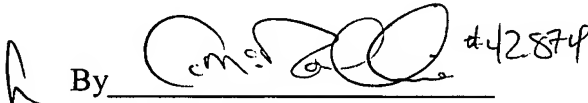
If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No 42,874 at the offices of Birch, Stewart Kolasch and Birch LLP

- ☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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